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## What the Night Means

Well, say our anxious friend who puts this question, "What the night means?" It is a night in American history. One year ago, the land began to be overcast; in six months, the darkness had deepened into twilight, and since, thick darkness has supervened. It is said that the darkest hour is just before day-light. Whether we have reached that momentous crisis, none but an inspired prophet can tell. Occasionally we discern flashes of light flitting through the murky border; but whether these are merely the curruptions of transient meteoric light, or the genuine harbinger of the day spring, is to us an unsolved problem.

Experience, history, assures us that nations must have their seasons of darkness and trial as well as individuals. Such is the order of Providence in the lot of humanity, intended, no doubt, to accomplish wise and beneficent ends. These ends may be hidden from our limited view; but high authority exhorts us to rest in the assurance that "He worketh all things well."

The night has its duties as well as the day, and the former are often of the sterner and more self-denying kind. It is usually in the night season that disease rages the most fearfully, and that the "king of terrors" visits the abodes of man. Then, the faith, hope, courage and virtue of individual men and women are on trial.

So when a nation, either from fierce foreign assaults, or from fearful internal commotions, is involved in darkness and doubt as to its future destiny, then is the time for the people to make the most vigorous efforts, to fortify themselves with the most rigid virtues of economy, forbearance, justice, patience, fortitude and self-sacrificing liberality. We, as a people, are now put to a test—a severe one, it is true—but one which will determine whether we inherit the courage, hope and patriotism, by which our fathers achieved their independence and conferred upon us the boon of self government. It will be decided whether we are the worthy recipients of such a precious gift.

Our present state of gloom and uncertainty cannot last long. Either we shall sink into deeper and more overwhelming darkness, or emerge into the light of a brighter day than any that has shone upon us in the past. Union, courage, mutual forbearance, unselfish patriotism, and as humble, yet confident, reliance on Him who brought our fathers through the wilderness, discomfited their enemies, and gave us, their children, a "glorious heritage," will bring order out of confusion, disperse the gloomy shades of this dark and dismal night, and usher in the jubilee of peace and of a restored and harmonious Union.

But this glorious consummation cannot be had without great and immediate self-sacrifices. Are we willing to make them? This is a question to which, as a people, we must give a practical answer in the affirmative, or perish.

## The Confederates want an Anglo-French Protectorate.

A Washington dispatch to the New York World, dated the 17th inst., says that information has been received at Washington from a source entitled to credit, that Messrs. SIDGLEY and MASOR, the rebel ministers to England and France, are not only authorized to negotiate treaties of extraordinary commercial advantage with those powers, but to place the Southern Confederacy for a limited period under their protection.

Deficiency of Bread in France and Italy.

The rise of bread is raising much discontent in France and Italy. The mob in one of the Italian cities, lately became so turbulent as to require energetic measures for its repression.

The latest news show that France is agitated by seditious schemes, which involved the arrest of numerous workmen accused of participation in movements like those which on former occasions revolutionized Paris and France with the war-cry of "bread or blood."

The London Review presents the following similar statements in relation to French crops: "From information carefully collected in different provinces," says the writer in the Review, "the result appears to be, that for the year 1861, while the majority of farmers declare this year to be considerably the worst of the two—that not only is the yield of the present year inferior as to quantity, but deplorably bad as to quality, the ear being small, light, withered and dry—that the best wheat having done its work, many agriculturists sought refuge by sowing in March, but the unnatural heat of June burnt up all that barley which in certain localities means here) in the same state as wheat, and that, on the other hand, the best of the three, have also been parched up just as they were about to be reaped—that a small yield of straw mature for the coming year, is deficient, while the immense majority of French farmers will say they always incline to do so, and for a time was desperate and unproductive. Before the close of the year, however, a better feeling reappeared, and prices regained their steadiness."

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## Gen. Fremont.

It appears to be pretty well settled that Gen. Fremont is to be removed from his command, and that Gen. Hunter will take his place. The Cincinnati Times, a Union paper, says: "Secretary Cameron arrived in the city last evening. This morning, the Gazette, an organ of the War Department, conspicuously makes the following announcement: 'When the Secretary of War went to St. Louis, he carried an order of the President to General Fremont, removing him from the command of the Western Department, and in the delivery of this order was left to the discretion of the Secretary of War. His visit to the Western Department convinced him that a change in the command was imperatively required, and he presented the order to General Fremont, who asked for a delay of a few days in the execution of the order, which was granted; but his removal has been decided upon to take place next week, and will probably be made on Tuesday.'

We venture this statement was made upon the authority of the Secretary of War. We may consider the deed done. Fremont has been belated. The pernicious political influence of Washington has been successful. Fremont is out of the way of Chase, and no longer in the road of Cameron.

The work in Missouri is all to be done over again, the army halted in its march, and another opportunity given to Frick, McCall and Jackson to plunder loyal men there. The great expedition down the Mississippi is to be again postponed, and the department of the West again thrown into confusion. God only knows the result.

Gen. Hunter, it is announced, is to be the successor of Fremont.

The Republican papers would not make General Fremont the removal of any other General in the army.

## What the Army Eats.

The exact number of Union troops in and about Washington is not known to the public, and is a proper subject for speculation. It is safe to say, however, that either the number is very large, or the soldiers have prodigious appetites, which, happily, leave no room to doubt of their excellent bodily health. The furnishing of food for the enormous army is a task of no small magnitude. Provisions are plenty enough, but it is not always easy to get the best quality—and nothing else is now considered fit for our army—throughout the army and confusion which prevailed at the outset of the war, large lots of rotten beef and other worthless substances were purchased off the soldiers. Since the U. S. Government has taken sole charge of the feeding department, these things have ceased to be a complaint. Of course this, on account of its situation, railroad and water connections, and commercial advantages, is the principal depot for receiving and forwarding supplies to Washington.

The most ponderous item of the supplies weekly contracted for, inspected, and sent to the hungry mouths on the Potomac, is meat, in kind and proportion about as follows: 1000 bbls. meat, 1700 bbls. extra meat, 24 some kind of side of beef, and 4000 some kind of pickled delicacy. 125 bbls. pickled beef tongues—all of the first quality. Of succulent and nutritious muttons there are 1500 bbls. of white beans (strongly suggestive of a certain Yankee dish), 1250 bbls. of split peas (valuable in soup), 60,000 pounds of rice, and 50,000 pounds of white split corn hominy. The fortifying qualities of coffee are recognized in the purchase of 70,000 pounds prime Rio, and 120,000 pounds of the same roast, and ground. "The drink that cheers but not inebriates" is provided for by 4500 pounds of tea, green, oolong and sencha in equal proportions. To sweeten both these beverages, 150,000 pounds of sugar, 100,000 pounds of condensed milk, and 5000 gallons more of saccharine matter is furnished in the shape of good molasses or syrup, as a concomitant for the rice, and toothsome and healthy in other relations.

The soldier is regaled with only one species of preserved fruit, which, taken with a little water, is said to possess extraordinary fattening properties. We allude to dried apples, of which 10,000 pounds are weekly forwarded to the soldiers. Such are the quantities of food that are consumed. Some of these mountainous stores are sent by railroad, but most of them by sailing vessels. From one to three schooners, deeply laden, leave this port for Washington daily. Such are the needs for immediate use are packed in the vast warehouses at the capital, against the contingencies of short supply and high prices at some future time. There is a large accumulation of 100 or 200 beefs, is daily carried out to the army. Dry bread also accumulates rapidly; for over 150,000 loaves are daily baked and distributed. The Nation looks on fondly while the soldiers, grudging nothing, but almost daily hoping that "good digestion may wait on appetite."—*Journal of Commerce.*

The debt due in this city, or rather on account of the army which has been brought into the field here, is not less than \$80,000,000. There may have been some extravagance attending the debt, but it is not excessive. Before Gen. Fremont came here, it is alleged, there were as extravagant expenditures in the army as any which have occurred since that time. But none of these things will justify the Administration in delaying the payment of its just debts, and nothing will operate so prejudicially to its credit as to suffer its certificates of indebtedness to be hawked about the streets and nobody but the Shylocks to take them up.

Of course all these debts must be paid some time, but the contractors, as the printers say, have been very "fat." Fats have made fortunes, and the tax payers must foot the bill.

## A Panic in Wall Street.

A panic in Wall street yesterday was the commentary of that sensitive locality upon the recent circular of the distinguished statesman who expounds the policy of Mr. Lincoln's Administration. The panic was not a panic of the kind which the panic of the State Department. Dismay prevailed at what was no doubt erroneously regarded as the programme of a tremendous land and sea war with England at the same time that the Great Rebellion is on our hands. Stocks fell from 1/2 to 3/4 percent, and for a time was desperate and unproductive. Before the close of the day, however, a better feeling reappeared, and prices regained their steadiness.

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## Pennsylvania Election—The Old Key-Stone Coming Back.

The following are the results of the election of the Legislature of Pennsylvania:

SENATE.  
Democrats..... 20  
Republicans..... 10  
Total..... 30

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.  
Democrats..... 43  
Republicans..... 37  
Total..... 80

The Union says: In consequence of the failure to receive returns from several counties, we are unable to compile a complete list of the members elected to the next House. The list foots up as above.

The Philadelphia Ledger says: The returns of the recent election throughout the State come in very slowly, but as far as received, indicate a Democratic majority on joint ticket, in the Legislature. The Democrats will stand 23 Republicans and 13 Democrats. The House, as far as heard from, stands 43 Democrats, 18 Union, 24 Republicans, and 15 to be heard from.

Allegheny county gives a Republican majority of about 2000, though electing a part of the Union ticket.

In Lancaster the vote is very close between the Union and Republican tickets. Lancaster City gives a Union majority of 1300. Berks county gives a majority of 4000 for the whole Democratic ticket.

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Chester county elects the Union ticket by 2500 to 3000 majority.

The Lancaster Intelligencer has the following summary of results: Clarion county has given about 1200 Democratic majority.

Greene county has given nearly 1600 Democratic majority.

Yazette county has given about 600 Democratic majority.

Washington county, it is believed, has elected the entire Democratic ticket.

Cumberland county is Democratic by 500 majority.

York county is Democratic by 1000 majority.

Westmoreland county is Democratic by 1000 majority.

Schickel is Democratic by 1000 majority.

Northampton is Democratic by 1100 majority.

Lehigh is Democratic by 1700 majority—the greatest ever given in that county.

In Philadelphia, the Democrats have gained one Senator and eleven members of the House of Representatives.

Cambria is Democratic by 600 majority.

Clinton is Democratic by 300 majority.

Carbon is Democratic by 400 majority.

Clinton gives 150 Democratic majority.

## Common Pleas Judge.

David L. Mendenhall, elected Common Pleas Judge of the Springfield Division in this judicial Sub-District—his majority in Butler county being one hundred and twenty-five, and in this county seven hundred and seventy-two.

Mr. Mendenhall has a flattering majority in his own county, and goes on the bench with the entire confidence of his fellow-citizens, that he will discharge the arduous duties of his new office with the same ability that he has shown in his former official positions.—*Derby County Democrat.*

The Pennsylvania Wire.—The Washington correspondent of the Springfield Republican makes the following good-natured comments upon a power in the land which is not provided for in the Constitution:

"We have for the first time in the history of the Republic, a President's wife who seems to be ambitious of having a finger in the government pie. Her friends consider Mrs. Lincoln to Queen Elizabeth in her stately manner and capabilities. She is by no means a simple domestic woman, but is evidently well versed in the art of mix something in politics. That she does so is undeniable. She has ere this made and unmade the political fortunes of men. She is said to be much in conversation with cabinet members, and has before now held correspondence with them on political topics. Some go so far as to suggest that the President is indebted to her for some of his ideas and projects. She is a very active woman. Nothing escapes her. Her advisers, and the members of the Cabinet, are so used to these things, that it is not easy for them to like it. Mrs. Douglas was a good deal of a politician, though she never injured her husband's position, but rather improved it, by her sagacity. 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